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FRESNO

Dr. David R. Taylor of Fresno was installed as president of the Fresno County Medical Society at the society's December meeting. He succeeds Dr. Robert Kass. Dr. Arthur F. Howard was elected president-elect, Dr. Theodore Steinberg vice-president, and Dr. Harlan F. Fulmer secretary-treasurer. Dr. Kass and Dr. W. L. Argo were elected delegates to the California Medical Association.

LOS ANGELES

Some 300 county and district society officers and other guests will convene at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, February 17 and 18 for the **annual conference of county society officers** held under auspices of the California Medical Association. The discussions will be given over to **Medical Care and Public Policy**.

Discussants include 14 nationally known leaders in the fields of medicine, publishing, economics, sociology, health insurance, labor and government. A.M.A.'s executive vice-president, Dr. F. J. L. Blasingame, will make the opening presentation following introductory remarks by C.M.A.'s president, Dr. Warren Bostick. Three prime areas will be covered during the ensuing two-day session, including the scope of health insurance, the quality of medical care and C.M.A. objectives and policies.

Dr. Malcolm Todd, of Long Beach, is general chairman.

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Dr. Ian Macdonald, Los Angeles, was elected president of the Los Angeles County Medical Association for 1962, Dr. Allan K. Briney of Whittier was elected vice-president, and Dr. Richard L. Taw of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer. Elected to the Association's board of trustees were Drs. Elmer Gooel of Beverly Hills, Edward H. Crane of Inglewood and J. W. St. Geme of Los Angeles.

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Dr. Stafford Warren, dean of the U.C.L.A. School of Medicine, has been appointed to the newly created position of **Vice Chancellor of Health Sciences** of the university by the Board of Regents, effective July 1, 1962. He will continue as dean of the medical school.

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The following officers were elected for 1962 by the **Metropolitan Dermatological Society** of Los Angeles: President, Dr. Rose B. Saperstein; vice-president, Dr. John W. Carney; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Sidney J. Rose.

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The availability of a **research fellowship in clinical cardiovascular physiology** in the Department of Medicine has been announced by the University of Southern California School of Medicine. The appointment is to be for a period of one to two years. Emphasis is on physiological investigation in patients for study of hemodynamic mechanisms of cardiovascular disease. Applicants are required to be licensed or eligible for medical licensure in the state of California.

ORANGE

Dr. W. K. Friend of Santa Ana became president of the Orange County Medical Association at the beginning of this year, succeeding Dr. Thomas E. Hanigan, also of Santa Ana. Dr. Harold F. Galbraith of Fullerton has been elected president-elect. Dr. Waynard W. Lowe of Fullerton will continue as secretary-treasurer.

Drs. Richard Preston and I. B. Price of Santa Ana and Lawrence F. Whittaker of Huntington Beach were elected delegates to the California Medical Association.

SAN FRANCISCO

Dr. A. Justin Williams was elected president-elect of the San Francisco Medical Society at the society's annual elections in December. He will succeed this year's president, Dr. Eugene M. Webb, at the beginning of 1963. Dr. Charlotte C. Baer was elected vice-president, Dr. Edgar Wayburn secretary, Dr. Albert G. Clark treasurer and Dr. Helen E. Weyrauch editor.

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A **Heart Research Center** has been established at the Presbyterian Medical Center through an initial grant of approximately \$2,000,000 from the National Institutes of Health.

The new center was created to do clinical research in general areas of heart disease. The funds provide for the **development of techniques** for operations on the heart, bringing back former patients for study and review, diagnosis of patients in the hospital with heart disease, supporting a number of special-project beds throughout the year, permitting intensive study of former and current patients, and the development of **new apparatus and new diagnostic techniques**.

Also included are psychiatric and neurological testing of patients with congenital heart disease and the study of the growth and development of patients both before and after operations on the heart.

SANTA CLARA

Dr. Robert L. Dennis, San Jose, has been elected president of the Santa Clara County Medical Society for 1962. He succeeds Dr. Clyde L. Boice of Palo Alto.

GENERAL

Joining together to do what none of them could accomplish alone, three neighboring towns in the Pomona Valley of Southern California have formed an authority that qualified them to provide **community mental health services** under the Short-Doyle Act. A cooperative venture of the cities of La Verne, Claremont and Pomona, the Tri-City Mental Health Authority has begun outpatient diagnostic, treatment and educational services as functions for which it can be reimbursed from state funds.

The city council of the City of Pomona was designated by the three participating cities to serve as the governing body of the authority. The governing body and the mental health director of the authority receive advisory services from a seven-man Mental Health Advisory Board, consisting of a physician and a city councilman from each of the three cities, and a judge of the superior court.

The authority's **financial and personnel policies** are handled through the established administrative agencies of the City of Pomona, and the employees of the authority are considered employees of the City of Pomona for purposes of payroll, sick leave and retirement.

In order to insure sustained support and guidance on

legislative and administrative matters, the assistant administrative officer of the City of Pomona was assigned the responsibility for continuity, coordination and presentation of the authority proposals through legislative and administrative procedures. Approximately one-tenth of his time and his salary were allocated for this purpose, and the costs were treated as a charge against the budget of the authority.

The authority represents a **unique movement** in the field of community mental health services:

1. It is the first instance of a group of cities joining to create a mental health authority designed to serve the mental health needs of the group.

2. The program is a new addition to local mental health services rather than an expansion or reorganization of established services.

3. A number of unique features were introduced in the joint powers agreement between the three towns and in the administrative procedure of the new community agency.

Of the 19 governing bodies which were participating in Short-Doyle programs on July 1, 1961, only three represented cities, two of them located in the San Francisco Bay area. Thus, the Tri-City Mental Health Authority is **the only city-based mental health authority in Southern California.**

The creation and operation of the Tri-City Mental Health Authority has **aroused state-wide interest.** A number of communities that are too small individually to establish Short-Doyle programs have made field trips to the authority

offices for the purpose of securing copies of the joint powers agreement under which the authority was formed.

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The 11th annual convention of **The Pacific Coast Fertility Society** will be held at The Mountain Shadows Hotel, Scottsdale, Arizona, October 4 to 7, 1962.

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To stimulate interest in the **accuracy of hemoglobin measurements**, the College of American Pathologists' Standards Committee has announced a National Hemoglobin Survey available to all physicians and hospitals. In making the announcement the college noted that inaccurately calibrated hemoglobin photometers may give evidence of need for blood transfusions when actually supplemental blood is not required. Also, accurate diagnosis and treatment of hematologic disorders depend upon reliable hemoglobin measurements. Therefore, photoelectric photometers used for hemoglobin measurements should be frequently calibrated with a stable hemoglobin standard, the college said.

Physicians wishing to participate in this hemoglobin survey may do so by sending \$10 to the Standards Committee, College of American Pathologists, Prudential Plaza, Chicago 1.

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A new booklet, **Diagnostic Standards and Classification of Tuberculosis**, is being made available to physicians by the National Tuberculosis Association. Copies may be obtained by direct inquiry to the local chapters of the Association.

